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CLOSING OF A STORMY LIFE.

The cry, "Le roi est mort! Vive le roi!" is again heard in Austria. The Emperor Francis Joseph is dead. Recently the aged Emperor—he was 86 years old—had been on several occasions near the unseen world, but to the joy of those whose interests it was to keep him away from the grim reaper as long as possible, he had backed away. Yesterday, however, the wheels of life stood still, and he is now no longer an interested party in the titanic struggle which is devastating Europe. He has been succeeded by the nephew of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, whose assassination was the origin of the war.

It is doubtful if in all history there has been an active, authenticated reign longer than that closed by the death of Francis Joseph.

At 19 years of age he ascended the throne of Austria upon the abdication of his uncle, Ferdinand I, December 2, 1848, his death ending an active reign of nearly 68 years, all but the first 20, of which he was also Apostolic King of Hungary.

But in human interest his personal sorrows overshadowed all. One after another they came upon him. In 1853 the list of tragic incidents began with an attempt upon his own life and sorrow followed sorrow.

His wife "the good Elizabeth," was slain in Switzerland by an assassin. His brother Maximilian was executed in Mexico. His only son, Rudolf, was found dead in a cottage with the Baroness Vetsera. His sister-in-law, the Duchess D'Alencon, was burned to death at a charity ball in Paris. His favorite grandchild married against his wishes, and her love ended in the shooting of her rival and the heir presumptive to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife were assassinated, bringing on the great European war of 1914.

The career of Francis Joseph was but another illustration of the truth of the observation of Shakespeare—"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

DEMOCRATIC GAIN 13 PER CT.

Premature misgivings as to the decline of the Democratic party's strength in Virginia, conjured up by incomplete returns which appeared to indicate a falling off in the total vote, were dissipated yesterday by the complete figures from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

On November 7 the Democrats cast 102,823 votes for the highest elector on the ticket, as against 90,332 votes cast for the highest Democratic elector in 1912, an increase for the presidential year of 1916 of 12,491 votes, or more than 13 per cent. The Republicans on November 7 cast 49,358 votes for their highest elector, as against 45,014 votes polled jointly by the highest Roosevelt and Taft electors in 1912. The Republican gain this year, therefore, was 4,344 votes, or a little over 9 per cent.

In 1908 the Democrats polled 82,916 votes, against the Republicans 52,573. The Democratic plurality being 30,343. The Democratic plurality this year was 53,465.

The practice of scratching individual electors, which has resulted in recent years in divided electoral votes in Maryland and California, appears to be making little headway in Virginia. In the last election the highest Democratic elector received 102,823 votes, while the lowest received 102,789 votes—a difference of only 25. Only 31 votes separated the highest and lowest Republican electors. Since under the present laws Virginia can send a divided delegation to the electoral college only when one or more of the electors of the majority party receive fewer votes than electors of the minority, the danger of a split electoral delegation from Virginia is in the last degree remote.

POST-BELLUM REMINISCENCE.

A Richmond cotemporary, which republishes occasionally items from its files of half a century ago, yesterday contained the following:

Fred Douglass has bought a house in Alexandria and proposes to make that town his home in the future. It was supposed that Alexandria has as many half-breed niggers as it can well accommodate.

Douglass made a visit to Alexandria during the latter part of the civil war, on which occasion he delivered a lecture. We never knew he purchased a house in this city, or purposed to take up his residence here. Douglass reappeared here during the latter part of the eighties and delivered a lecture in Roberts Chapel on "Self-made men."

During the seventies Douglass was one of a commission appointed by the government to visit the Danish West India Islands, the United States at that time seriously considering the purchase of the same from Denmark. He returned home via Richmond. At that time the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad had its northern terminus at Aquia Creek, and it was customary to take dinner on the steamer Keyport, which transported passengers from Aquia Creek to Alexandria and Washington. The late Senator Sumner was a member of the commission, and on the way up the river the party entered the dining saloon and ordered dinner. Douglass was told he would be required to wait for the second table. This not only exasperated Douglass, but his companions also. Senator Sumner became very indignant, and refused to be seated unless his mulatto companion was allowed to do so. The officers of the steamer were inexorable, and the members of the commission refused to take dinner on the boat, and waited until they reached Washington where they broke their fast.

Shortly before the civil war, when the negro question was greatly debated in this country, Douglass was invited to deliver a lecture in a northern city. His subject was "Emancipation," during the delivery of which he denounced slavery in unmistakable terms. At the close of the lecture no one of the committee who had invited Douglass to deliver the lecture, although they were abolitionists, invited the speaker to participate of his hospitality for the night, and Douglass sought a hotel. He was refused lodging and seemed destined to pass the night in the street. A southern man and a political enemy of Douglass and the republican party, having heard of the predicament in which the mulatto had been placed, invited him to his house where he furnished him with a supper and a bed and the next morning with breakfast.

HIS EFFORTS APPRECIATED

Many Alexandrians who heard John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, deliver an address in the Second Presbyterian Church several years ago determined that should he ever make a second appearance in this city they would be on hand to greet him. Most of them were in the Young People's Building last night to hear him speak on "The Trenches." He previously spoke on the "Possibilities of South America," and the speaker enlightened his hearers by directing their attention to the remarkable expansion of the southern republics in recent years. His address was educational and was greatly enjoyed. His theme last night was equally interesting and he was listened to with close attention by a large and appreciative audience.

WANTED

WANTED—Young lady with experience to work in dry goods store. Good reference required. I. H. Harris, 314 King St. 272-3t.

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THOS. W. ROBINSON
273-10t City Treasurer.
Alexandria, Nov. 21, 1916

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427 N. Columbus St., 6 room, bath, \$18.00	517 Oronoco Street, 6 room, frame, bath, \$10.75
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AUCTION SALES

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

S. H. LUNT, Auctioneer.

Saturday, December 2, 1916.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, entered on the 16th day of November, 1916, in the chancery cause of Edgar R. Troxell, et al., vs. The Capital City Telephone Company, et al., the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the premises, No. 309 King Street, on Saturday, the 2nd day of December, 1916, at twelve o'clock, the following described property of the Capital City Telephone Company, to-wit: The entire plant, consisting of the switchboard and central office system, situated at No. 309 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and the poles, wires and overhead telephone system now owned by the said Company, within the City and County of Alexandria, and Fairfax County, and the exclusive right to use, for exchange purposes, within the said City and Counties, the United States patents, Nos. 423, 788, 562, 013, 102, 011, 010, 009; and any other patent rights, tools, machinery and property of all sorts, belonging to the said Telephone Company, and all other personal property now owned by the said Company and not herein described. Also all legal rights and privileges belonging to the said Company by virtue of contracts now existing between the Company and persons or corporations using, or expecting to use, its telephone system. Terms of Sale: 1-3 of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in two installments at six and twelve months from the date of sale, title to be retained until the full purchase price is paid; or the purchaser may pay the whole of the purchase money in cash.

SAMUEL G. BRENT, Commissioner.

I, Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, do certify that Samuel G. Brent, Commissioner in the aforesaid suit, has executed the bond as required by the decree of sale, entered in said suit. NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.

Trustees Sale of valuable real estate improved by four story brick building at the southeast corner of Prince and Fairfax streets Alexandria, Va., also all engines, boilers, motors, kettles and other personal property in said premises.

By virtue of a certain deed of Trust duly recorded in liber No. 5 folio 142 et seq. of the land records of the City of Alexandria and at the request of the party entitled thereby, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction, in front of the premises on FRIDAY the 11th DAY of DECEMBER at 10 o'clock P. M., the following described land and premises and personal property situated in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, known and distinguished as all that certain lot piece or parcel of land with the improvements thereon described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, and running thence eastwardly on the south line of Prince street, 61 feet 8 and 1-4 inches; then southwardly and parallel to Fairfax street, 114 feet 7 inches more or less to a 10 foot alley; thence along the line of said alley and parallel to Prince 61 feet 8 and 1-4 inches to Fairfax street, and thence north and fronting on Fairfax street, 114 feet 7 inches to the beginning.

Also the following machinery, apparatus and other personal property contained in, or on the afore mentioned described property. One 60 horse power tubular boiler with all the appurtenances thereto. One 45 horse power engine and direct connected dynamo 350 revolutions, 200 amperes, 110 volts with Western switch board volt meters, 120 am-meters 250. Three multipolar iron clad motors 5, 10 and 15 horse power all with voltage 110 with all necessary switches. One three horse power motor exhaust and direct steam heating plant. Electric lights and wiring carrying 200 lamps 16 and 32 candle power. Steam heater with coils and pipes; 4 large boiling and mixing kettles, 1 large acid tank and mixer and all other rights of property contained in said buildings and appurtenances to said piece of ground belonging as more fully set forth in said Deed of Trust. Terms of sale: One fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, balance in three equal installments, payable in one, two and three years with interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi annually from day of sale, secured by Deed of Trust upon the property sold, or all cash at the option of the purchaser, a deposit of \$200 will be required at the time of sale, all conveyancing, recording and etc. at the cost of the purchaser, term of sale to be complied with, within 15 days from date of sale, otherwise the Trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days advertising of such reserve in some newspaper published in the city of Alexandria. The foregoing real estate will first be offered for sale, and immediately thereafter, the foregoing personal property which may be on said premises on the day of sale will be offered for sale.

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